

MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: September 15, 2005
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Resources Agency 15th floor, room 1506-12, "Large Conference Room"
 Lead: Kay Antunez
 Note taker: Ed Wong
 Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



In Attendance:

Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
 Phaedra Bota, Boating and Waterways
 Nita Davidson, Department of Pesticide Regulation
 Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission
 Zori Lozano-Friedrich, State Water Resources Control Board
 Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board
 Laurie Monserrat, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
 Tina Muncie (for Kathy Strickley), Department of Conservation
 Donna Pozzi, California State Parks
 Celeste Royer (for CDE), California Regional Environmental Education Community
 Susan Sakakihara (for Joanne Vorhies), California Integrated Waste Management Board
 Sue Sims, DWR, Resources Agency
 Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources
 Bobbie Winn, Department of Fish and Game
 Ed Wong, Air Resources Board

AGENDA

	Item	Lead	Minutes
1.	<u>Check – in and Catch -up</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Introductions Review Agenda Approve Minutes Review Status of Action Items Distribute "What's New in Your World" 	Kay and Zori	Agenda, August minutes, and action items distributed. Agenda stands. Minutes approved as written. Action items updated. Kay handed out two fire safety and preparation sheets, Green Teacher sheet, Green Teacher article "The World in a Cake," and shared zucchini cake (her version of cake article).
2.	<u>Committee Reports & Discussion</u> <p>Administration & Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulate name roster for updates. Partnership language update. CEEIN partners role US-EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service <p>Leadership & Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB 1721 Update Education and the Environment Initiative Update Environmental Education Bills of interest 	Phaedra Tom Bobbie	Name roster circulated and updated. Having discussions with a couple of CEEIN members about their comments before finalizing draft partnership language. There was a suggestion that once partnership language cleaned up, have USEPA and USFWS review it and determine if they wish to be partners with CEEIN or with JCEC, then change language accordingly. Will follow-up on this. Modified language will be brought to a meeting within the next month for review. If no substantive issues, Tom will seek a vote. If issues remain, the item will be vetted further via email. Handed out list of Senate/Assembly Bill "Watch." AB 1721 passed and on Governor's desk for signature. Once signed, goes to Secretary of State for signature, then becomes law and monies will be released. L&L Committee looked at responsibilities on their duty statement. Started from bottom to top. For first bottom bullet, will look first at federal agencies with EE programs for CEEIN marketing, then at private companies with EE programs second.

	Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and presentation of possible CEEIN projects 	Kay	<p>Want to use DTSC GIS program to identify locations of teachers who submitted pledges during 2003-04 JCEC competition to determine overlap areas. Haven't yet received JCEC data. Will talk to Sue. Will inform members if project will progress or terminate.</p> <p>CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection offered to rent a booth at CA Assoc. for Bilingual Education Conference, March 1-4, 2006, San Jose, provided enough volunteers staff it. Besides CEEIN, can request CREEC and GSEEC assistance. Requested feedback and collaboration with Communications Committee on this project. Sign-Up sheet circulated.</p>
	Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCEC update Update on the Steering Committee concept 	Sue Sims	<p>Three new members added to Executive Committee – John Dryer (CDFA), Amy Cameron (CDE), and Rosario Marin (CIWMB). Will work with Kate DiRanna to broaden responsibilities of and add more members to Executive Committee.</p> <p>Disney Co. contracted with Dr. Claire Rose to conduct pre- and post-evaluations with 20 teachers to determine effectiveness of JCEC program on their students. Kay asked if this project could really be called an evaluation. Celeste mentioned some CREEC Coordinators will be working with the teachers and clarified this project not intended to determine how JCEC program affects students' test scores, but to document what is and isn't working in the JCEC program. To prevent confusion regarding use of the term "evaluation," Kay requested that at future meetings and in the Minutes, this project be referred to as a "case study."</p> <p>JCEC web site will be re-launched this month. Handed out sheets on JCEC 2006 Marketing Timeline, JCEC Executive Committee Roles and Responsibilities, and CEEIN Calendar (with 4 conferences highlighted for booth participation). Shared examples of 2005-06 JCEC poster and planning guide, which are now available to all (Note: Entry forms must be postmarked by October 15, 2005). Will work on follow-up calls to teachers who requested packets and may ask CEEIN members for assistance.</p>
	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEEIN Accomplishment report 	Carolyn	<p>Thus far, received report information from 6 people and 2 Committees. Haven't heard from following Committees – Leadership & Legislation, Environmental, and Administration & Organization. Will send collection of reports as examples to remaining members and set a final deadline to receive their 2003-04 and 2004-05 accomplishment reports.</p>
3.	What's New In Your World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements (Major) 	Annie Tina Kay Bobbie	<p>See WNIYW description after Minutes section. Heather Fogg (CREEC) will hold Teacher Resource Workshop, Oct. 15 or 22, in Modesto or near there.</p> <p>Bridgett Thompson is new Director of Dept. of Conservation. Trying to develop new DVD of Recycle Rex</p> <p>Project Learning Tree Workshop and Arbor Day activities coming up.</p> <p>See WNIYW description after Minutes section. Oct. 7-9 – Salmon Festival (Schools Day - Oct. 7).</p>

		Susan Sakaki-hara	RFP hitting the streets for Model Curriculum writers. Out-of-state writers welcomed. Will ask Joanne Vorhies to email announcement information to all CEEIN members.
		Tom	Nov. 15 – Erase the Waste Web cast of teacher training for new water curriculum.
		Celeste	Haven't found replacement for Bill Andrews yet. New CDE Division Director is Don Kairott – boss of Phil LaFontaine. Request members to update their information and check their links at the CREEC web site. Will forward email to members on how to add program information to CREEC Resource Directory.
		Carolyn	Next week - Disaster Preparedness Day with OES at their HQ at Mather Field. Will have a teacher packet.
		Phaedra	See WNIYW description after Minutes section. Handed out DBW public outreach postcard.
4.	Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop October Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 		Items for October Agenda (Host – Annie): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom - Partnership language Bobbie – Promulgation date of AB 1721 Kay and Vanessa - DTSC GIS - JCEC project Kay – CAFE booth Sue and Kate – JCEC update Carolyn – Accomplishment reports Need volunteer to ask Martin Le Blanc about possible November presentation

CEEIN Meeting
September 15, 2005
Meeting Evaluation Summary

- Overall rating: **4.5** (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high) (9 evaluations submitted)

What went well

- Good discussion
- Learned about what agencies are doing
- Able to share my organization's programs; look for new way to collaborate and partner
- Great focus – even the tangents were relevant
- Excellent cake. Good sharing and time efficient
- Good discussion and sharing
- Great cake, fabulous job by Kay of keeping meeting moving without feeling rushed. Good questions.
- Good conversation. Nice to have lots of time for discussion

What could be improved?

- None noted

What's New in Your World?

Meeting Date: September 15, 2005 Phone: 415-597-5888
Contact Person: Annie Kohut Frankel
Agency: California Coastal Commission
Address: 45 Fremont Street, Ste. 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105

ACTIVITIES UPDATE: (Briefly list your 3 latest projects)

The deadline to apply for the Coastal Commission's Whale Tail Grants Program is November 15. Please help us spread the word by sharing this announcement with your contacts, and posting it on any grants pages your agency might have:

The California Coastal Commission's Whale Tail License Plate Grants Program is now accepting applications for coastal and marine education projects. This grants program funds projects that encourage people to value and take action to improve the health of California's coast, marine life, or watersheds that connect with the coast. Educational coastal habitat restoration and beach maintenance projects are also eligible. Emphasis is on reaching underserved students and members of the public. Schools, nonprofits, and governments may apply. Applicants may request any amount up to \$50,000, and 25-50% of the funding will be allocated in small grants below \$10,000. \$385,000 will be distributed. For more details and the application and guidelines, see www.coastforyou.org or call (800) Coast-4U.

Coastal Cleanup Day is this Saturday, September 15. Information for all participating counties can be found at www.coastforyou.org. The Sacramento County coordinator is the American River Parkway Foundation, Crystalaura Jackson, (916) 456-7423, info@arpf.org. The list of their cleanup sites is at www.arpf.org/CleanupSiteList.htm. Events throughout the state celebrating *Coastweeks* will take place from September 17 through October 9. The calendar of events is at www.coastforyou.org.

Our Wetlands, Our World, the Coastal Commission's high school activity guide for Upper Newport Bay, is now online. Hardcopies and teacher workshops will only be available to Orange County area educators, but anyone can download a PDF of the guide from www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/UNBweb/owow.html, or by visiting www.coastforyou.org and clicking on the link for "Coastal Restoration".

What's New in Your World?

Meeting Date: August 18, 2005 Phone: 916/653-6132
Contact Person: Bobbie Winn
Agency: Department of Fish and Game/Project WILD
Address: 1416 Ninth Street, Room 117, Sacramento, CA 95814

ACTIVITIES UPDATE: (Briefly list your 3 latest projects)

Project WILD and Project WET are partnering for a workshop on October 15 in San Mateo. This workshop targets high school and middle school educators and is directed toward service learning projects. The workshop will be held at the College of San Mateo. San Mateo educators will have the opportunity to apply for project grants up to \$2000. The projects will focus on environmental studies or restoration projects for the San Mateo Creek. Participants will receive the following guides: Project WILD Aquatic, Project WILD High School Science and Civics, Healthy Water, Healthy People, and Discover a Watershed.

September 27 and October 1 are workshop dates for a new curriculum guide to California, Flying WILD which targets middle school students (5th through 8th grade). These workshops will be a partnership with the California Waterfowl Assoc. and they are funding the guides. The workshops will be at the Cosumnes River Preserve and the Folsom Water Education Center. We have received funds which will be used for educator's grants. Educators can apply for funds to create bird kits or materials for use in the classroom. The Flying WILD program focuses on migratory birds and developing bird festivals to teach others what they have learned.

A Project WILD Aquatic Workshop and Facilitator Training is scheduled for October 22 in Sacramento. With this 8 hour workshop we hope to expand the WILD network in the valley.

What's New in Your World?

Meeting Date: September 15, 2005

Phone: 916/263-8188

Contact Person: Phaedra Bota

Agency: Department of Boating and Waterways

Address: 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95815-3888

ACTIVITIES UPDATE: (Briefly list your 3 latest projects)

1. **Safe & Wise Water Ways Poster Contest**

California elementary and middle school students in Kindergarten through 8th grades are eligible to participate in the 12th Annual Safe & Wise Water Ways poster contest.

Awards

One entry from each grade level will be selected to appear on the Department of Boating and Waterways' 2006 boating and aquatic safety calendar. Each winning student will be awarded an education savings bond and a commemorative medallion.

The classmates of each winner also win! Each student in the winner's class will receive an achievement button and a copy of the 2006 calendar.

The winner's teacher is not forgotten either! A gift certificate for educational classroom materials will be awarded to the teacher.

And, finally, each winner's school will receive a framed copy of the 2006 calendar.

Deadline

All entries must be postmarked by **Saturday, October 29, 2005**.

2. **Salmon Festival**

Boating and Waterways is co-sponsoring and participating at the Salmon Festival on October 7-9. We will have a station on the school day at Goethe Park, an info booth and fishing game at the Nimbus Hatchery, and our puppet show, AquaSMART LIVE, at Nimbus Flats.

3. **Boat Shows**

Boating and Waterways has an information and safety booth at the Jack London Square boat show on September 9-18 and at the Long Beach Convention Center boat show on October 7-9. Stop by to get vital boating safety information and win a prize by answering a question from the AquaSMART prize wheel.